

**SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

**REVISED HEARING OFFICER DIRECTIVE**

**DOCKET NOS. [2017-370-E](#), [2017-207-E](#), [2017-305-E](#) ORDER NO. 2018-122-H**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2018**

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Hearing Officer

**DOCKET DESCRIPTION:**

**Docket No. 2017-370-E** – Joint Application and Petition of South Carolina Electric & Gas Company and Dominion Energy, Incorporated for Review and Approval of a Proposed Business Combination between SCANA Corporation and Dominion Energy, Incorporated, as May Be Required, and for a Prudency Determination Regarding the Abandonment of the V.C. Summer Units 2 & 3 Project and Associated Customer Benefits and Cost Recovery Plans

**Docket No. 2017-207-E** – Friends of the Earth and Sierra Club, Complainant/Petitioner v. South Carolina Electric & Gas Company, Defendant/Respondent

**Docket No. 2017-305-E** – Request of the Office of Regulatory Staff for Rate Relief to South Carolina Electric & Gas Company's Rates Pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. § 58-27-920

**MATTER UNDER CONSIDERATION:**

**Request for Extension of Pre-Filing Deadlines by the Office of Regulatory Staff**

**HEARING OFFICER ACTION:**

**On September 13, 2018, this Hearing Officer received a request from the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”) for an extension of the remaining pre-filing deadlines in Docket No. 2017-370-E. Subsequently, the request was extended by various parties to Docket Nos. 2017-207-E and 2017-305-E as well.**

**ORS requested an extension of the “Other Parties” Direct Pre-filing Deadline for testimony and exhibits from September 18, 2018 to September 24, 2018. Under the request, the deadline for rebuttal testimony and exhibits would also be extended from October 18, 2018 (actually, October 17, 2018 in Docket No. 2017-370-E) to October 24, 2018, and the deadline for surrebuttal testimony and exhibits would be extended from October 24, 2018 to October 29, 2018. There would be no change in the deadline for filing of pre-hearing briefs, which had previously been established as October 26, 2018. The grounds for the**

request were that ORS was tasked with a number of duties connected to the South Carolina Emergency Management Division with regard to Hurricane Florence, and that a number of ORS personnel were involved. These personnel included some involved in the preparation of testimony for the three nuclear dockets. Further, ORS noted the closure of its offices, due to Hurricane Florence. A number of the parties consented to the extension of deadlines for Docket No. 2017-370-E. In addition, SCE&G and the petitioners in Docket Nos. 2017-207-E and 2017-305-E also consented to the extensions for those dockets. After hearing from a number of parties in the dockets, this Hearing Officer provisionally granted the extensions sought for all three nuclear dockets, Docket Nos. 2017-370-E, 2017-207-E, and 2017-305-E, and pledged to issue a Directive as soon as Hurricane Florence allowed access to the Commission's offices.

The purpose of this Directive is to make the provisional extensions granted in the September 13, 2018 e-mail official, as promised. The grounds stated by ORS in its original e-mail are meritorious, and apply to all three nuclear dockets. The following extensions for the pre-filing of testimony and exhibits are hereby granted, again, in all three nuclear dockets:

1. The deadline for pre-filing responsive testimony and exhibits is extended to September 24, 2018;
2. The deadline for pre-filing rebuttal testimony and exhibits is extended to October 24, 2018;
3. The deadline for pre-filing surrebuttal testimony and exhibits is extended to October 29, 2018;
4. The deadline for filing of the pre-hearing briefs shall continue to be October 26, 2018, which is unchanged.

All other conditions for pre-filing testimony and exhibits in prior directives shall remain in full force and effect, other than the extension of dates, as stated above.

This concludes the Hearing Officer's Directive.